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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN DRILLING IN DISPUTED OFFSHORE

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REF: STATE 7905, STATE 80407, ROME 5938,

PARIS 10513, TUNIS 2535, OSLO 1728 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING APRIL 14 WITH BRAHIM TURKI, SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFIARS AND NOUREDDINE MEDJDOUB, DIRECTOR
FOR EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, UNDER SECRETARY HABIB
ASKED FOR GOT VIEW ON CURRENT LIBYAN-TUNISIAN OFFSHORE

DRILLING DISPUTE. TURKI SUMMARIZED NOW WELL-KNOWN TUNISIAN POSITION, EMPHASIZING (A) GOT INTENTION TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON ITALIANS TO END THEIR ILLEGAL PRESENCE IN TUNISIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND (B) DETERMINATION TO EXERT TUNISIAN RIGHTS AT EVERY TURN.

2. MWNDFUL OF DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO IMPRESS UPON GT OUR DOUBTS RE WISDOM OF PROCEEDING WITH DRILLING OPERATIONS IN DISPUTED ZONE, (STATE 79051) AMBASSADOR MULCAHY ASKED TURKI WHETHER PLANS TO USE NORWEGIAN DRILLING RIG WERE FIRM. TURKI REPLIED THAT NOTHING DEFINITE HAD BEEN DECIDED OR ARRANGED, BUT ASKED IN FRUSTRATED TONE, "WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? WE MUST INSIST ON OUR RIGHTS AND EXERCISE THEM." HABIB THEN MADE POINT THAT IN US VIEW SUCH COUNTER-MOVE BY GOT MIGHT DAMAGE TUNISIA'S OTHERWISE CLEAN RECORD IN PERIOD BEFORE ADJUDICATION. TURKI DID NOT APPEAR TO AGREE, BUT REITERATED THAT NOTHING HAD YET BEEN DECIDED.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AS FAR AS OUR DISCUSSION WITH GOT ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD GO FOR THE PRESENT.

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